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I. (U) IN-AREA:
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(3) (U) CHINA: PLA CIVILIAN CADRE SYSTEM BEGUN

(U) CHINA FORMALLY TRANSFERED 100,000 ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY OFFICERS--SCIENTISTS, TEACHERS, AND DOCTORS--TO CIVILIAN PLA POSTS ON 01 AUG. THE NEW CADRE, largely from the general logistics department, is organized into two categories, professional/technical and administrative/logistic. The civilian system is intended to provide stability to specialized and technical areas within the PLA and is a major step in the PLA's modernization reform process. It is a precursor to implementation of a national civil service system.

(4) (U) CHINA: PRESS HINTS OF LEADERSHIP CHANGE

(U) HONG KONG JOURNALS SUGGEST THERE MAY BE A CHANGE IN THE CHINESE LEADERSHIP AND NOTE PARTY LEADER ZHAO OR ANOTHER MAJOR FIGURE WILL LEAVE. THE SPECULATION IS BASED UPON INCONCLUSIVE RESULTS OF A RECENT PARTY MEETING AT THE ANNUAL SUMMER RETREAT. REFORMERS WERE UNABLE TO SECURE APPROVAL OF THEIR LATEST PROPOSALS AND PARTY CONSERVATIVES CRITICIZED COASTAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE NEED FOR PRICE REFORM. ZHAO AND HIS GROUP MAY SLOW THE PACE OF CHANGE, BUT THEIR LEADERSHIP PROBABLY IS NOT SERIOUSLY THREATENED.

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